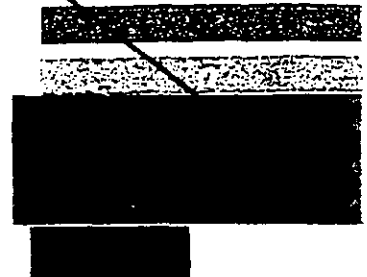




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CHILE: Anniversary Speech

President Pinochet's nonconfrontational 10th anniversary speech yesterday and the moderate level of violence through the weekend probably will permit renewed talks between the government and the democratic opposition. [REDACTED]

Pinochet defended the timetable included in the constitution of 1980 that calls for restoring civilian rule in 1989, but he confirmed the possibility of an amendment that would allow election of a congress before then. He also acknowledged that Interior Minister Jara would continue the dialogue with the opposition Democratic Alliance. [REDACTED]

Most of the violence, which press reports indicate has left about nine dead, occurred in the slums of Santiago. Copperworkers union chief Rodolfo Seguel was jailed, but no other prominent opposition figures were arrested. [REDACTED]

Comment: The government, which refrained from calling on the military to handle security, and the democratic opposition will both gain credibility for having held down violence. Nevertheless, the jailing of Seguel and Communist plans for continued violence carry the potential to delay or disrupt resumption of talks on a democratic opening. [REDACTED]